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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Peter Streuer

Title:

RECHARGEABLE

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Appl. No.:

10/706,726

Appl. Filing Date:

11/12/2003

Examiner:

Ben Lewis

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

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| 1. Submission | required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply) |
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| a. Pre | viously submitted: |
| [X] | Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on May 17, 2006. |
| [] | Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered. |
| [] | Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on |
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| [] | Other |
| b. End | closed are: |
| [] | Amendment/Reply. |
| [] | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). |
| [] | Information Disclosure Statement. |
| . [] | Form PTO-1449 with copies of listed reference(s). |
| [-] | Other . |
| Miscellaneous | y: |
| [] | Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. |

The filing fee is calculated below:

| | Claims as Amended | | Previously Paid For | Ext | ra Claims sent | | Rate | | Fee Totals |
|------------------|----------------------|-------|------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|----------|---|------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e): | | | | | | | \$790.00 | = | \$790.00 |
| Total Claims: | 1.0 | - | 20 | = 0 | | x | \$50.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Independents | 4 | - | . 4 | = 0 | - | · X | \$200.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| First p | resentation o | f any | y Multiple I | Depender | nt Claims: | + | \$360.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | CLAIMS | FEI | E TOTAL: | = | \$790.00 |

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

| [X] Extension for response filed within the first month: | \$120.00 | 1 \$120.00 |
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| [] Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$450.00 | \$0.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within the third month: | \$1,020.00 | \$0.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,590.00 | .\$0.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within the fifth month: | \$2,160.00 | \$0.00 |
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| EXTENSION FEE ALREAD | - \$0.00 | |
| EXTENSION FE | \$120.00 | |
| CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEI | \$910.00 | |
| [] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ | \$0.00 | |
| [] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. | \$0.00 | |
| TO | \$910.00 | |

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$910.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the

credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 7/

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